

AMENDMENT

Because Applicant's amendment merely involves the cancellation of claims, a Version With Markings To Show Changes Made is not included after Applicant's Remarks.

In The Claims:

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Please cancel Claims 21-45, without prejudice, as belonging to a non-elected claim group and/or non-elected species.

REMARKSThe Pending Claims:

Before entry of the amendments hereinabove, Claims 1-45 are pending in this application. Claims 1-28 are directed to a method of treating small intestinal bacterial overgrowth (SIBO) or a SIBO-caused condition in a human subject. Claims 29 is directed to a method of screening for the abnormally likely presence of SIBO in a human subject. Claims 30-37 are directed to a method of detecting small intestinal bacterial overgrowth (SIBO) in a human subject. Claims 38 is directed to a method of determining the relative severity of SIBO or a SIBO-caused condition in a human subject. Claims 39-45 are directed to a kit for the diagnosis of SIBO or a SIBO-caused condition.

Examiner's Restriction Requirement and Applicant's Response

The Examiner required election of a single invention, under 35 U.S.C. Sec. 121. The Examiner presented for election the following two designated claim groups:

(1) Group I: Claims 1-28; drawn to a method of treating small intestinal bacterial overgrowth (SIBO) or a SIBO-caused condition in a human subject; and